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	MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution	DD/A REGISTRY FILE: Legal
STAT	FROM: Cnier, Legislation Divi	
***************************************	JECT: A Private Bill for the Relief of Richard George Fecteau and John Thomas Downey	
	1. On February 5, 1981, Representative Nicholas Mavroules introduced a Private Bill that would grant tax relief to Mr. Fecteau and Mr. Downey, former employees of the Agency who were imprisoned for twenty years in the Peoples Republic of China as a result of action undertaken by them in the course of their employment.	
	2. The bill has not yet been assigned to committee. It is the same bill that was introduced in the 96th Congress. That bill died due to Congressional inaction.	
STAT	3. Your comments on this matter would be appreciated; please address them to Assistant Legislative Counsel. Although this legislation has been unsuccessfully proposed in the past, we believe that it stands a better chance this year in view of the treatment accorded the hostages on their return from Iran.	
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